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"One of the best, if not
the very best means of
spreading at the North a
knowledge of the wickedness
of Slavery."
— American
— from

— Gerrit Smith.

P.S. - Last Winter, at the time of the Semi Annual Meeting of the Penn^a Anti Slav. Soc^y here, we were favoured with the company of J. C. Collins & Francis Jackson. The latter was made the bearer of some money for the Herald of Freedom - for ourselves and I think for some other individual who as well as myself paid him the money at my desk. And I am inclined to think I also paid for the Non Resistant at the same time, I do not recollect to have seen the payment noticed in those papers - It may seem strange that I should write to thee about it, but you Eastern men are so intimately connected with one another that I thought I would make free to ask of thee the favour should F. Jackson be at your Office to mention the subject. In regard to the Non resistant - Thou can readily ascertain whether I was then in arrears - Another reason for my writing to thee, the subject is that it will cost no Postage - as our dear fr^d B. C. Bacon will be the bearer - and if thou hast any answer for me he will bring it on the same terms. -

My Family are as well as usual - My Wife would like to be kindly remembered as well as myself - likewise to all those fanatics such as we have become acquainted with as if named -

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may still disfigure the whole range of the mind eye. yet it is only in the distance that he is seen, to exult in his ancient power. And as to the ~~bowl~~ of intoxicating bowl. how happily is it banished ~~not~~ not only from what is called genteel and Christian Society, but in great degree from that of the poorer and less thoughtful part of the community. But each of these great reformation have thus far been accomplished only by great and laboursome exertions of ~~many~~ hard working, self devoted servants of the cause, who having no confidence in themselves or their own creaturely abilities for promoting works of righteousness, placed their whole dependance upon the Arm of Divine Power for help, protection and guidance in the Cause, which they knew to be the cause of Truth and righteousness. I say when I reflect upon these things, I am encouraged to believe that the work is rapidly progressing. But it is indeed a mighty work and it will not be seen in its magnitude and splendor, until it is completed - when the rights of ~~man~~ ^{man} with all be fully understood (not as once by the poor deluded French man, but ^{by} by the more perfectly enlightened minds of a regenerated community, and all the rubbish which is now to be seen, has been removed from the beautiful structure of Civilised and Christianised Society - then the magnificence of this great work, upon which as humble day labourers, we have so long been engaged, will be fully seen. And then each one according to the place he has occupied in the service, will abundantly receive his reward. —

With assurance of continued Esteem and desires for thy preservation from the errors on the right hand and on the left & for thy encouragement in support of those great works which engage thy attention. I am thy Friend Edward Needles

Dear Friend
William Lloyd Garrison

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I have for some time past intended to write to thee, not because I had any thing particular to say, but because I love thee for the sake of the cause which with unflinching perseverance thou still continues to advocate. But feeling myself rather under the cloud at this time, can only say that my heart ^{sometimes} rejoices in the belief that although our progress in the work of Emancipation may appear to be very slow, and according to our poor finite views has been retarded by the course of some of whom we had hoped better things having "taken sweet counsel with them" in former days, but now have to endure opposition, censure and rebuke, which coming from them is felt more keenly, although unmerited by us. Yet I sometimes feel a holy confidence that the work is really going on faster than we expect. Great works have never been perfected in short periods of time, and it is by slow means, almost imperceptible to the casual observer, that any massy structure is raised, or any valuable enterprise for the benefit of ~~their~~ fellow creatures has been achieved. When I reflect upon the intense Egyptian darkness which prevailed but little more than half a century ago, upon the subject of the rights of Man, and in relation to the use of intoxicating drinks the reformation which has so far progressed, is cause of humbling admiration. Then the most righteous and self denying members ~~even~~ of the religious community, not excepting the Society of Friends, held slaves and partook freely of the brandy bottle, which was considered indispensable as a mark of hospitality and social enjoyment. Now taking your own Noble City of Boston for a place of observation, and look South and West. Although some of the evil effects of the fell monster